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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT OF KING HASSAN TO FRANCE

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- 1. WE, TOO, HAVE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT A POSSIBLE NOVEMBER VISIT BY HASSAN TO FRANCE. WHEN EMBOFF POSED THE QUESTION DIRECTLY TO THE QUAI ON NOV 2, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AFRICA ALBIS REPLIED THAT HE WAS "UNABLE TO COMMENT," IN MARKED CONTRAST TO HIS USUAL OPENNESS.
- 2. WHILE WE HAVE NO FACTUAL BASIS ON WHICH TO BASE OUR SPECULATION, IT SEEMS LIKELY TO US THAT THE FRENCH ARE HESITANT TO PLAY HOST TO HASSAN AT A MOMENT WHEN THE SAHARA QUESTION IS BEFORE THE UNGA. THE KING, ON THE OTHER HAND, MAY HAVE ASKED TO MAKE HIS OFT-POSTPONED VISIT AT THIS TIME PRECISELY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HE HAS PARIS' SUPPORT. WHILE THE FRENCH, WE ASSUME, WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISCREETLY HELPFUL TO THE MOROCCANS IN NEW YORK, THEY WOULD NOT CHOOSE TO BECOME SO CLOSELY CONFIDENTIAL

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IDENTIFIED WITH THE MOROCCAN CAUSE THAT THEY WOULD RISK

ANOTHER SERIOUS RIFT WITH ALGERIA. THIS FRENCH WARINESS
ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE VISIT IS DOUBTLESS
COMPOUNDED BY MEMORIES OF HASSAN'S ABORTING OF OTHER
PLANNED VISITS.
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